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WINCKLER

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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BY: Skannon Walter

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of February 1, 2005. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from May 1, 2005 to August 1, 2005, as well as a check in the amount of \$510.00 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.